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#### PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Ben Taylor of my staff be granted floor privileges for the duration of today's session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### APPOINTMENTS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 94-118, Section 4(a)(3) appoints the Senator from Alaska, Ms. MURKOWSKI, to the Japan-United States Friendship Commission.

The Chair, on behalf of the Republican Leader, pursuant to Public Law 100-696, announces the appointment of the Senator from Mississippi, Mr. COCHRAN, as a member of the United States Capitol Preservation Commission, vice the Senator from Colorado, Mr. Campbell.

#### PROVIDING FOR A JOINT SESSION OF CONGRESS TO RECEIVE A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H. Con. Res. 20, which was received from the House.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the concurrent resolution by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 20) providing for a joint session of Congress to receive a message from the President.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the concurrent resolution.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements relating to the resolution be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 20) was agreed to.

#### ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2005

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 9:45 a.m. on tomorrow,

Tuesday, February 1. I further ask that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved, and that there then be a period for the transaction of morning business until 10:45 a.m., with the time equally divided, with the first half of the time under the control of the Democratic leader or his designee and the final half under the control of the majority leader or his designee; provided that following morning business, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Alberto Gonzales to be Attorney General.

I further ask unanimous consent that the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for the weekly party luncheons.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### PROGRAM

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, tomorrow, following morning business, the Senate will begin consideration of the nomination of Alberto Gonzales to be Attorney General. There are a number of Senators who wish to speak on this nomination, but it is our hope that we can reach an agreement for a reasonable time for debate and a vote on the Gonzales nomination. We will continue working with our colleagues on the other side of the aisle to lock in a consent agreement on the nomination. I encourage all Members looking for floor time to contact either the chairman or the ranking member of the Judiciary Committee as soon as possible so that we can have orderly debate with respect to the nomination.

I also remind all of our colleagues that the President's State of the Union Address will be on Wednesday evening of this week. Senators are asked to be in the Senate Chamber by 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday in order to proceed as a body to the House Chamber at 8:45 p.m. for the 9 o'clock address.

#### ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:45 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 5:33 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, February 1, 2005, at 9:45 a.m.

#### NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate January 31, 2005:

##### DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

MICHAEL CHERTOFF, OF NEW JERSEY, TO BE SECRETARY OF HOMELAND SECURITY, VICE THOMAS J. RIDGE, RESIGNED.

##### IN THE COAST GUARD

THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS FOR APPOINTMENT AS PERMANENT COMMISSIONED REGULAR OFFICERS IN THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD IN THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 14, U.S.C., SECTION 211:

##### To be lieutenant commander

ROBERT M. KEITH, 0000

##### To be lieutenant

DANIEL E. WARD, 0000

##### IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

##### To be major general

BRIGADIER GENERAL MARK W. ANDERSON, 0000  
BRIGADIER GENERAL JOHN H. BORDELON, JR., 0000  
BRIGADIER GENERAL THOMAS L. CARTER, 0000  
BRIGADIER GENERAL THOMAS A. DYCHES, 0000  
BRIGADIER GENERAL MARTIN M. MAZICK, 0000  
BRIGADIER GENERAL HOWARD A. MCMAHAN, 0000  
BRIGADIER GENERAL JAMES M. SLUDER III, 0000

##### To be brigadier general

COLONEL ROGER A. BINDER, 0000  
COLONEL ROBERT L. CHU, 0000  
COLONEL DAVID L. COMMONS, 0000  
COLONEL THOMAS E. COONS, 0000  
COLONEL BRUCE E. DAVIS, 0000  
COLONEL MICHAEL C. DUDZIK, 0000  
COLONEL ELIZABETH A. GROTE, 0000  
COLONEL KEVIN F. HENABRAY, 0000  
COLONEL JAMES F. JACKSON, 0000  
COLONEL JAMES H. MCLENDON, 0000  
COLONEL BRIAN P. MEENAN, 0000  
COLONEL JAMES L. MELIN, 0000  
COLONEL MICHAEL B. NEWTON, 0000  
COLONEL CARL M. SKINNER, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

##### To be brigadier general

COL. KATHLEEN D. CLOSE, 0000

##### IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING ARMY NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

##### To be brigadier general

COL. STEVEN L. BELL, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

##### To be lieutenant general

MAJ. GEN. KARL W. EIKENBERRY, 0000

##### IN THE NAVY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

##### To be admiral

ADM. WILLIAM J. FALLON, 0000

##### IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

##### To be colonel

JAMES D. SHAFFER, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE RESERVE OF THE AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

##### To be colonel

THOMAS WILLIAM ACTON, 0000  
ALLAN RAY ALBERT, 0000  
MARVIN L. ALEXANDER, 0000  
ROBERT STEPHEN AMARAL, 0000  
DOLORES M. ANDERSON, 0000  
ALANE A. ANDREOZZI, 0000  
TALENTINO G. ANGELOSANTE, 0000  
JEFFREY J. ANSTED, 0000  
WOLFGANG C. ASMUS, 0000  
VICTORIA JACQUELINE BABB, 0000  
KENNETH H. BACHELOR, 0000  
ELAINE K. BARRON, 0000  
RONALD KEITH BARTLEY, 0000  
GARY E. BEEBE, 0000  
JANICE A. BENHAM, 0000  
MARK C. BLALOCK, 0000  
ANTHONY BONANNO, 0000  
RICHARD A. BREITBEACH, 0000  
RANDAL L. BRIGHT, 0000  
MICHAEL J. BRILL, 0000  
DAVID ROBERT BROWN, 0000  
DOUGLAS A. BROWN, 0000  
DORIS A. BRUNER, 0000  
KENNEDY SHEFTON BRYAN, 0000  
RICHARD J. BURKE, 0000  
STEVEN DALE BURTON, 0000  
EDWARD JOSEPH CALLAGHAN, JR., 0000  
JAMES A. CANNON, 0000  
JOANNE FERMANIS CARLON, 0000  
ROBERT JACOB CARTER, JR., 0000  
GREGORY ALAN CATE, 0000